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## BACK TO LONG HARBOUR TERMINAL

They said the ferry would go back to Long Harbour on January 20. There were critics, in and out of the ferry service, who figured that the date of completion was not likely to be met. They were right.

Long Harbour ferry terminal

will be back into operation on Friday, Jan. 18. It will be in use two days ahead of schedule.

The transfer to Fulford was almost without incident. Some travellers were saddened at the long drive to Lady Minto Hospital and Ganges, but the

majority took it in their stride. Use of the ferry terminal by three vessels put some strain on terminal staff, but there were few delays or incidents of confusion.

As of Friday this week the Queen of the Islands will return to Long Harbour for her outer terminal.

## THEY WANT HER BACK

### Trustees: Parents Tangle

— "SHE'S DONE A GOOD JOB"

Parents of a class of Grade Five students in Salt Spring Elementary School have asked for the reinstatement of a teacher.

Delegation representing almost every student in the class has called on the school board to reinstate Miss Barbara Persson. Fifteen children were kept home for a time in protest of the school board's decision to replace Miss Persson this year.

Following the school board's refusal to accede to their request, the parents committee has discussed the question with the department of education and other provincial government dignitaries.

Spokesman for the parents, H. R. Leighton summed up their view when he told trustees, "When you get a teacher who has done as good a job as this we cannot let her go."

The story started last fall when Mrs. Davis was on leave of absence at the beginning of November. Miss Persson was engaged on a temporary basis to take her place.

Miss Persson was allocated a class of 22 students in Grade Five, some of whom had special learning problems. Parents were delighted with the appointment. She had a way with children, the parents committee decided. Children who had been unresponsive to other teachers suddenly picked up speed. Children were happy with the appointment and parents were gratified.

The appointment lasted until December. When school closed Miss Persson was released.

In January the parents found that Mrs. Davis was not returning to her previous duties and that her Grade Five class was to be allocated to a newly appointed teacher. They immediately asked why a new teacher was being engaged instead of Miss Persson, who had gained their warm support.

When the board explained that they had already hired a replacement, parents and at

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## BIG SUPPORT FOR GANGES MEETING

### Property Owners Raise Voice Against Hike

— OWNERS URGED TO APPEAL ASSESSMENT IMMEDIATELY

There were almost 100 Salt Spring Islanders present on Wednesday last week when the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce called a protest meeting in Ganges to consider the astronomical increases in commercial assessments.

Meeting was given the warm support of the island ratepayers association.

The meeting endorsed the recommendation that every property owner be urged to file a protest against his assessment in an effort to bring to the government's attention the widespread indignation over increases in assessments.

The meeting also approved a letter to the Premier and the minister of municipal affairs protesting the increases.

Tom Toynbee, president of the Chamber, took the chair.

There would be comments from representatives of different interests, explained Mr. Toynbee, businessmen, owners of vacant land, farmers and private residents.

"It is important that we all have an idea of the problems facing all of us," he told the meeting.

The picture is even worse than it looks, warned Ratepayers' president Reg Taylor. The assessments are based on values two years ago, he noted.

The assessor is two years behind, he added.

"It will really get bad in two years' time," he forecast.

Mr. Taylor spoke of one re-

sident of the province whose assessment will boost his taxes on an empty lot from \$100 last year to \$500 this year. Owner in question has been holding

the property for his future retirement, added Mr. Taylor.

It is going to hit every busi-

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## FLOODS FORM FORD IN GANGES STREET DURING WET WEEK END



The rains came. And this is what they did to Hereford Ave. in Ganges. The ford is the result of too much water in the culvert under the road. Along side is the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Anderson. Anderson Ferry, he terms his car as he splashes through fast-running water. Heavy rain and high tides contributed to the scene.

## BOWEN QUEEN COMING

Travel will be easier for Salt Spring Islanders heading into Victoria. On Wednesday Jan. 23, the Bowen Queen will be brought into use between Fulford and Swartz Bay.

The new vessel for the run

is the sister ship of the Mayne Queen. She will replace the small Salt Spring Queen, whose capacity has been further curtailed by restrictions on her maximum load in deference to her lack of stability.

## REVIEW OF 1973

### CHAMBER HAS BEEN CLOSE TO COMMUNITY

On Tuesday evening next week the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will mark its annual meeting and a new slate of officers will be elected.

As the annual meeting approaches, directors have reviewed the activities of the chamber during 1973. There are few areas of activity on Salt Spring Island which have been beyond the range of the Chamber during the past year, reports President Tom Toynbee.

Most prominent on the list is the battle with the government over assessments and taxes on the islands. The Chamber has been in close touch with the community and the Salt Spring Island Ratepayers over this continuing dispute.

In a completely different direction, the same Chamber was responsible for the successful May Day presentation when Shane Heinekey headed the committee. The day included the annual parade, with contributions by the school band, a horse show and baby contest.

Early in the year the Chamber undertook two LIP projects providing employment for the many islanders without work at the time.

Tourism, the preparation of folders, provision of signs and guides to visitors and the allocation of casual visitors to local hostels has been a constant call on the Chamber's services.

In accordance with the instructions of the island community in a questionnaire distributed several years ago the Chamber has kept a close watch on business opportunities and a committee is still offering invitations to selected businesses to settle here.

Incidents which have arisen during the year to cause concern in the community have brought a prompt reaction from the Chamber. Its directors have been engaged in the drive for additional community protection during the holiday periods when hordes of visitors have descended on the island.

The Chamber sponsored a bus service on the island in

co-operation with the mini-bus of Bill's Taxi Service. The service was not maintained when public response was inadequate.

Part of the activities of the chamber have been lost in the violent death of two of the directors during the year. Walter Herzog died in September, the victim of a shooting and shortly afterwards John McManus lost his life in a road accident in Alberta.

The Chamber has been in close and constant communication with the BC Ferries and many changes have been brought about as a direct result of the negotiations with representatives of the Ferries.

The Chamber is also in close communication with BC Telephone Co.

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce was the sponsor of a sewer project and gained the support of the Capital Regional District. Despite the efforts of the Chamber, the project has been drowned in the depths of the Pollution Control Board.

Entering a controversial community dispute, the Chamber, last year, offered its support to the Burgoyne Valley Airstrip of Gordon Cudmore.

In the field of building and contracting on the island, the Chamber has maintained a very active building committee. Many problems facing builders here have been resolved by the committee.

Referring to the present

## ADULT CLASSES LOOM

Want to learn to...? It'll probably be offered in the Adult Education program at night school for the spring session.

Announcement of classes and courses to be offered this spring will be published in Driftwood next week, January 24.

## ANNUAL MEETING LOOMS

threat of punitive taxes in the islands, Mr. Toynbee has appealed for the support of all community enterprises. The chamber can only represent the island people to the government if they have the support of the islanders in protesting these grossly unfair tax increases, urged the president.

Meeting will take place in the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening next week at 8 p.m.

## SCHOOL'S BACK

School's back! On Monday the renovated elementary school at Ganges was opened for class for the first time since last summer.

School has been completely refurbished, with new interior finish and new plan for classrooms. Heating and lighting have also been renovated.

Construction is still under way on new secondary school facilities and the activity room to be used as a community centre.

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## New Program Is Prepared By Pensioners

BY PENSIONER

B. C. Old Age Pensioners held the sixteenth annual dinner on Wednesday, Jan. 9 in St. George's Hall.

Rev. Peter McCalman asked the blessing after Mrs. E. Thacker had welcomed everyone. A hot turkey dinner was served at 12:30 p.m.

A special welcome was given to the Rev. and Mrs. T.F. Wright after their illness.

Mr. McCalman gave a short address, and expressed regret that the Rev. and Mrs. Anderson were unable to attend.

Mrs. McCalman presented gifts to Mrs. M. Clark, Mrs. E. Barber, Mrs. J. Hayward, Mrs. M. Westcott, Walter Brigden and Mrs. V. Griffin for their work during the past year.

Mrs. Thacker was presented

with several gifts for a happy birthday.

The president gave a detailed report on the activities prepared for 1974, which will include two meetings each month and entertainment at each. There will be lots of fun for the elderly on Salt Spring. A big vote of thanks went to all those who helped and especially to Joan Hayward who convened the affair and a big thanks to all those who helped with donations and to Mrs. M. Cunningham who stood by for music when needed.

January 24 is the date of the first meeting in '74 and will be followed by an apple contest at 2 p.m. Don't forget you don't have to be old to join us; we have no age limit and will be pleased to have you. Memberships are now due.

## DEATH AT 90 OF MISS WORTHINGTON IN LADY MINTO

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, Miss Ellen Worthington died in Lady Minto Hospital, Ganges. Miss Worthington was in her 90th year and had been a resident of Salt Spring Island for 17 years.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ian S. Macdonald, Ganges; one nephew, Dr. A. E. Worthington, California and one niece, Mrs. Abram Enns, Surrey, B.C.

Graveside service was held January 11 in St. Mark's Cemetery with Rev. Fred Anderson officiating. Goodman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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## TO DISCUSS PLAN WITH PARENTS AT GALIANO SCHOOL

Kindergarten has been a problem to parents and teachers among the islands, particularly where no classroom is available.

At one time the department of education authorized kindergarten classes where there were minimum enrolments of 25. This minimum figure was later knocked down to 10.

Among the Outer Islands it may be as low as two, trustees of Gull Islands School District were told last week.

It was decided to discuss the problems at Galiano with island parents and to seek a routine base on the Pender Island pattern.

## NO TEACHERS ENGAGED

New Alternative class at Salt Spring Island Elementary School has the required enrolment, but no teacher has been engaged.

On Monday afternoon last week Trevor Wheeldon reported to the trustees on the committee's views on teachers.

He stated that there had been seven applicants interviewed, but the parents' segment of the committee had only seen three of them.

Donna Watt noted that the committee vote had been split on making an appoint-

ment and that parents wanted the board to make a decision.

Mr. Wheeldon outlined at length the qualifications of the candidate favoured by the parents.

"He is not conventional: He does not wear a tie and his hair is long," commented Mr. Wheeldon.

There was loud applause from the floor when Mr. Wheeldon concluded his address. The board did not make the appointment asked.

## LAST RITES FOR FRANK ANDRULONIS

Galiano Island was saddened to know of the death suddenly at his home of Frank Andrulonis, on Thursday morning, Jan. 3, after a lengthy illness. He had just come home from hospital for the Christmas holidays.

He was employed by the provincial highways department, and made many friends during his long life on the islands and Vancouver Island.

He was born at Phoenix, B. C. in 1913, and soon came to the coast, where he worked in fishing and logging for many years. He was working with Joe Silvey at Reid Island for several years, and, liking this part of the land, soon settled at North Galiano, moving to the south end some years ago, to their neat home on the North End Road.

Mr. Andrulonis served in the Army overseas in World War Two, when he saw action and he came back to his wife on the island to live quietly here.

Besides his wife, Agnes, at home on Galiano he leaves two sisters, on the mainland, several step-children and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral was held at St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Father Frank Sutherland conducting.

Organist was Mrs. O. L. Foster, and the lesson was read by Donald Goodman. Pallbearers were Jack Silvey,

of Powell River, Henry Brown of Victoria, and Ken Silvey, Lloyd and Laurence Baines and Ralph Stevens, all of Galiano. Interment followed

at the Georgeson Bay Pioneer Cemetery, Galiano. Goodman's Funeral Home, Ganges was in charge of arrangements.

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By Richards

The lost heifer has returned to the fold. When Norman Mouat lost a two-year-old heifer before Christmas, he had no idea where it might have strayed. He conjured up pictures of rustlers on the Salt Spring range. Ross Vezarien saw reports of the loss of the animal, described in Driftwood as a 10-year-old heifer. Almost immediately, he found a two-year-old heifer, straying and scared.

There were hundreds of people in the Senate's Red Chamber on Monday morning to take part in the inaugural ceremonies of the new Governor-General. They forgot to invite me. Any newsman would have been glad to take part. There's more status in this business over a former newsman making Governor-General than there is in the 99 who land up in jail. Gilles Leger was a newsman with Le Droit and he was also a bilingual broadcaster. It all boosts the morale. After all, how many newsmen can speak one language, let alone two? They didn't invite me to the ceremonies so maybe I'll get a picture of His Excellency and mount it on the office wall. So when I end up in the same boat as most newsmen and the white-coated boys come round I shall take one last look at the Master who rose from the ranks of this trade of words and made good.

A friend stopped to speak to a Ganges mother. "What did you get for Christmas?" she asked her friend's young daughter. The little girl had been to church and Holy Communion for Christmas. It was very recent in her mind. "Jesus," she told the enquirer.

Report from the B. C. Automobile Association warns motorists that if they are convicted of contravening the 55 mph speed limit in the United States their insurance fees will go up. The United States reports cases back to BC and the BC government allocates demerit points just as if the offence occurred in B. C. It is only a few years ago that a body of people in the United States fought over the question of taxation without representation. This regulation smells of the same putrid pattern. I have no brief for the speedster who breaks the American law, but when the B. C. Government takes orders from an American court, knowing well that the chances of appeal against the penalty are slim, indeed, the old and hackneyed word, Justice, has already gone out of the window.

It wasn't the weather it was the problems of getting back. That's why I never reached

England this Christmas. There was no assurance of getting out of the country once you got into England. And there's a heap of people there right now would give their eye teeth to get out of it and away from it all.

**Gwen Hind Smith named by players**

A meeting of the Salt Spring Players Drama Club was held on Thursday evening Jan. 10 in the Gulf Islands Secondary School.

President Gwen Hind-Smith outlined the group's activities for the past 12 months. The main endeavours were the production and presentation of two three-act plays: *Breath of Spring*, an English comedy, in March and the Australian drama, *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll* in November. Act. I of *Breath of Spring* was entered in the B. C. Drama Festival and won awards for best backstage co-operation, best supporting actress (Yvonne Toynebee) and an honourable mention.

In addition, two one-act plays were presented by the drama class of the Secondary School, *Sunday Costs Five Pesos*, directed by Gwen Hind-Smith and *Jinty*, directed by Yvonne Toynebee. Following the president's opening remarks and the treasurer's report, an election of officers took place, with Gwen Hind-Smith re-elected as president and Lannie Howard and Roma Sturdy also re-elected as vice-president and secretary treasurer, respectively.

In addition, an executive committee was nominated and elected to assist in matters of policy and to read and select plays for future productions. Elected were Doris Andrews, Sheila Fraser, Ken Gaylor, Yvonne Toynebee, Olive Clayton, Mary Williamson, Reg Taylor, Gwen Johnson, Annette Keeping, Annette Hacking and Brenda Russell.

The play selection committee is Sheila Fraser, Doris Andrews, Marilyn Taylor, Olive Clayton, Marion Thomas, Annette Hacking and Gwen Johnson.

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**PHARMACARE AND NO CARES**

Pharmacare came to the islands without sound or fury. At the opening of the new year the provincial plan to provide free drug prescriptions to senior citizens came into effect. Islanders over the age of 65 accepted the program with gratitude, but the experience of other provincial centres, where citizens held back their prescriptions from last month was not noticeable at Ganges, reported Keith Ramsey, of Ganges Pharmacy.

There has been a slight increase in the number of prescriptions filled for senior citizens, explained the pharmacist on Monday, as many are availing themselves of the service.

Critics of the Pharmacare plan had forecast irresponsible

Two workshops are planned for the spring, one will be given by Paddy English, the Drama Consultant of the B. C. Drama Association and the other by Tom Kerr. Both dates are yet to be announced. Yvonne Toynebee will organize both workshops.

Plans for the spring will include three one-act plays for "An Evening of Theatre", sometime in late April.

Anyone interested in acting, backstage work, directing or producing, or any aspect of theatre is asked to contact Gwen Hind-Smith or any member of the committee at 537-2690.

The Salt Spring Players acknowledged with grateful thanks the generous support given to them by the general public in response to the supporting membership drive. Money raised goes towards meeting costs of future productions and helps to keep admission fees to the lowest possible level.

**WILSON IS HERE**  
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use of the prescription service, beyond the real needs of patients. This has certainly not been the case, Mr. Ramsey reports.

The program permits an old age pensioner to purchase necessary drugs without hesitation as to the cost.

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## ANOTHER NEW YEAR

The new year is undeniably new. The happiness of the new year has yet to prove itself. For many among the islands the new year opens with the threat of sharp increases in land taxes, to the degree, perhaps, where some islanders will be forced to abandon their properties here.

Government policy in respect of land taxation appears to be moving in a direction completely opposite to anything spokesmen had predicted before the election.

Businesses are facing a heavy boost in taxes and private residents are facing a still more serious boost because many are no longer in the labour force and are unable to accommodate their incomes to what may prove to be a punitive tax burden this year.

While attention is on the land, islanders are also engaging in crossing swords with the Gulf Islands board of school trustees over the hiring or rejection of popular island choices for the classroom.

The Gulf Islands School Board is new, but scarcely changed. Only new face this year is that of Mrs. Pearl Brau, trustee from Mayne Island.

Island representation on the Capital Regional Board is only 50% changed. The Outer Islands are still represented by Director J.M. Campbell, who is entering his second term as chairman of the Capital Regional Board.

Salt Spring Island is now represented by Director G. M. Heinekey, newcomer to the job but a veteran of public affairs. Mr. Marc Holmes is back home, growing peaches. For four years he has served as director for Salt Spring Island. One of the most controversial figures in islands public affairs, Mr. Holmes has devoted countless hours of his time to the affairs of the island and the region. Planning on the island has been largely guided by his contribution. He may now grow his peaches, content in the knowledge that he has guided Salt Spring Island through one of the most critical stages of its history.

The year opens with dispute between islanders; some conflict between the islands and the province and some uncertainty of what may lie ahead as the world turns down the wicks.

It is, in fact, a typical new year.

## Letters To The Editor

### INACCURATE HALF-TRUTHS

Editor, Driftwood,  
Your article in the Driftwood of December 20, 1973 headed "Christmas Will Be Thin For Former Patients", requires a public apology from the writer of the article and Mr. Curtis, because it is a mixture of half truths and outright inaccuracy.

May I attempt to put the record straight point by point -  
(a) Extended Care - The previous Minister of Health laid down the following guidelines to be followed by the patients' doctor, and the B. C. Hospital Insurance Service medical consultants in determining eligibility for admission to an extended care unit. These guidelines are being followed at this time and are "Extended Care is the type of care required by persons of

any age with severe chronic disability, which has actually produced a functional deficit, who require skilled 24 hour nursing services and continuing medical supervision, but who do not require all the resources of an acute hospital. Most people who need this type of care have a limited potential for rehabilitation and often require institutional care on a permanent basis". The hospital concerned has no say in who is admitted or discharged. Its only input to this system is to establish by date of application, a chronological waiting list of eligible patients. A quarterly review of all patients in the hospital is carried out by B. C. Hospital Insurance Service consultants. Should a patient become apparently ineligible, the patients' doctor is required to

# Senior Citizens Buy Gifts For Children

BY ELSIE BROWN

Annual Christmas Concert held in the community hall put on by the school children of Mayne Island was an outstanding success. Teachers, parents and students combined their efforts to present two plays.

The first one entitled "Little Critters" had an ecology theme and included in the cast were Kris Bergthorson, Dana Brocklehurst, Karen Allen, Kristine Halvorson, Jenny Wood, Gail Martin, Sandi and Sheryl Piggott, Freyja Bergthorson.

The second play was entitled "The Walrus and the Carpenter" and the students performing in this presentation were Gordon Wittner, Derrill Imrie, Darcie Wilks, Joanne Simpson and Colleen Simpson.

Thanks are due the following for their assistance in directing and musical accompaniment: Frank and Verlie Cooter, Paddie Bergthorson, Sue Tauber who played the dulcimer and Phil Vernon the guitar, and the school teachers, Miss Pat James and Miss Cathy Takagaki.

submit a detailed report to B. C. Hospital Insurance Service. The final decision is made by B. C. Hospital Insurance Service, or in some cases, by the Minister on advice from B. C. Hospital Insurance Consultants.

(b) No Extended Care patient has been discharged from Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital on grounds that they cannot be cured.

(c) Extended Care patients remain unless they need acute hospital care or improve to the point when they are no longer covered by guidelines. In the latter case, they are discharged with every effort being made to find satisfactory accommodation. The vacancy so caused is immediately taken by the person at the top of the chronological list kept by the hospital. This person obviously has a greater need for extended care than the one no longer within the guidelines. Since opening of the Extended Care unit, only one patient has been discharged.

(d) Mr. Curtis is right when he states there is a "desperate need for personal care facilities". As a member of the Regional Hospital Board, he should have known this for some years. Miss Joan Purchase, previous chairman of the Hospital Board, was instrumental in requesting additional facilities to make up for the Provincial Government cut back from 25 beds to 15 beds in the extended care unit, which was originated by the then chairman, Mr. Doug Cavaye.

At this time, the request for Intermediate Care facilities is being considered by the Capital Regional Hospital Advisory Committee (thanks in no small measure to the efforts of the previous director, Mr. M. Holmes). Intermediate Care is defined as a type of care required by persons of any age whose physical disabilities are such that their primary need is for room and board, daily professional nursing supervision, assistance with some of the activities of daily living and a planned program of social and recreational activities.

P. R. Layard,  
Chairman,  
Lady Minto Gulf Islands  
Hospital, Ganges,  
January 14, 1974.

### WHAT ABOUT THE CBC?

Editor Driftwood,  
Are your readers satisfied with the CBC?

In mid-February the Canadian Radio and Television Commission is holding public hearings in Ottawa to review the CBC's licence to continue

The evening was enlivened by the appearance of Santa Claus (impersonated by Garnie Corburn) and had the usual warm reception from the small fry who received gifts, candy and oranges.

broadcasting for another five years. The undersigned believe the public should express an opinion about what it wants to see and hear on our publicly-financed television and radio networks.

The CBC is clearly modeling itself on American practices, programming whatever advertisers will buy. It's selling our airtime on our network to companies so that they in turn can sell their wares to us. Do we need a publicly-financed network to subsidize sales of toothpaste?

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### BEAUTIFUL B. C.

Editor, Driftwood,

We have and no doubt you have in the past month or so received many complaints from customers of yours who ordered Beautiful British Columbia magazine subscriptions through your newspaper.

During the past year we have been converting our mailing system from a semi-manual type to a computer program. Unfortunately we have run into more difficulties than expected and the result has been a delay in the mailing of many Beautiful British Columbia magazine subscriptions.

We sincerely appreciate the fact that many customers ordered the magazine early in good faith but we did not anticipate the major problems which arise when minor incorrect input to the computer disrupts the smooth flow of subscriptions. We have put a special crew to work to earnestly resolve the problems which resulted in delays in the processing of subscriptions received in the fall of 1973 and it is anticipated that most of these trouble areas will be rectified in the very immediate future. I would also like to

The kitchen staff responsible for the goodies was under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Brau, assisted by Don Ryane, Sally Howieson, Barry Wilks, Bev Halvorson and Diane Allen.

Mrs. Gretel Brunner was in charge of the decorating and the hall was festive with fir and cedar and holly boughs and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. School children, teachers and parents were on hand to assist with the operations and a very enjoyable evening was the result.

Thanks are also due the Silver Maynes organization for their contribution towards the buying of the gifts for the children.

mention that, even with these delays, we have processed and mailed approximately 180,000 subscriptions.

It is realized with regret that many people have been disappointed due to our difficulties in processing their orders on time; however, I do wish to assure you that, although we are not fully pleased with our results, it is not contemplated that similar delays will arise in 1974 and we trust that you will have confidence in our circulation procedures.

We would also like to express our sincere apologies to your many customers in this respect.

It would be a great service to us if you could include all or part of this letter in your forthcoming edition as a letter to the Editor to help inform many of our interested customers on this important problem.

G. L. Levy,  
Business Manager,  
Beautiful B. C.,  
Victoria, B. C.

### WE ELECTED THEM

Editor, Driftwood,

The Salt Spring Island Board of School trustees have proven more bureaucratic, resilient and cleverer than any of us who were present, at 9th Jan. 74 school board meeting, had expected.

About 50 of us concerned parents had gathered there to present to the board our two cases. One to urge the board members against the firing of a competent teacher Barbara Persons who the parents knew had helped their children with learning disabilities to gain self confidence and even to do well in class.

Secondly to urge the board to hire Mr. Jacques Goldman for the alternative school program which to be a success needs a special kind of a person. Mr. Goldman has had 9 years of varied experience in the field of education, particularly in that of the alternative school in many parts of the world. His books on English spelling are a part of the school curriculum in Australia. He has seen the famous Summerhill school at work in England. He is an intellectual and a man on a spiritual journey. Hence the parents decided that Mr. Goldman had all the qualities of the mind, heart and experience to be

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## Church Services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1974

ANGLICAN			
St. George's	Ganges	Holy Communion	9:30 am
St. Mary's	Fulford	Morning Prayer	11:15 am
UNITED			
Rev. Fred Anderson	Ganges	Worship Service	10:30 am
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ROMAN CATHOLIC			
St. Paul's	Fulford	Holy Mass	9:00 am
Our Lady of Grace	Ganges	Holy Mass	11:00 am
COMMUNITY GOSPEL			
Pastor Low,	Ganges	Sunday School & Morning	
537-2622		Worship	10:30 am
		Evangelistic Service	7:30 pm
		Midweek Fellowship	7:30 pm

Thursdays -

# On & Off The Island

Mrs. Christina Parker, mother of Mrs. Dino Facca, Mr. and Mrs. Les Reynish and son, Alton and daughter, Pamela; Mr. and Mrs. Rudi Tesecik and son, Peter, all of White Rock, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dino Facca. Their son, Guy was also home from Shawnigan Lake School for the Christmas holidays.

Kim Thorp, the Rotary exchange student at Gulf Islands Secondary School, has left for his home in New Zealand. He came here one year ago to attend school and to become a well-known member of the community.

Miss Carol Brenton, from Port Coquitlam, was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brenton, of Fulford Harbour over the weekend.

John and Ann Mugeridge have gone back to the cold Ontario winter with their four children after spending the holiday season visiting Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mugeridge at Vesuvius.

Frank Schwagly has been a patient in Lady Minto Hospital for 10 days. He returned home at the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Meagher, of Sunset Drive, spent a few days visiting Mrs. Meagher's sister in Kamloops.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Merston and family have spent a couple of weeks in Hawaii. They returned home about a week ago.

Miss Terry Walsh from Victoria spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Hazel Walsh on Cranberry Road.

Mrs. L. Sayer, of Fernwood has left for New Zealand to visit her son for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Layard and family have returned home after spending three weeks at Maui, in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Toynbee and family spent a few days' holiday skiing at Manning Park.

Nicholas Humphreys and David Roland have left by air for an extended visit to the South Seas.

Ted Akerman is a patient in Rest Haven Hospital, Sidney, suffering from a broken leg.

# LIONS ENTERTAIN LONELY

The Legion Hall at Ganges was the scene of a very happy occasion on the evening of December 19, when 53 of Salt Spring Island's single senior citizens sat down to a turkey dinner, a Christmas sing song and a visit from Santa. They were hosted by Lions Club.

The happiness of the guests was evident to the Lions, Lionesses and Leos who were there to look after their every need.

Past District Governor Tom Portlock and President Aage Villadsen who hosted the party from the head table, were accompanied by their wives Frances and Erna. Rev. Frank Sutherland, O.M.I., gave a Christmas message and asked for the blessing.

The dinner, picked up red hot at the Ganges Crest was delivered into the hands of Lioness Daisy Gear who head-

ed the kitchen staff. Lions Ben Greenhough and Mel Topping wielded the carving knives and the assembled diners were passed to Lioness Bev Sage and her bevy of assistants looking after the dining room. The dining room had been set up and decorated by Lion Kent Villadsen and his helpers. Table decorations displayed the artistry of Lioness Lyn Andrews while the Christmas tree was an indication of the talents of Kent Villadsen and Gil Humphreys. Ted Gear had short notice of his appointment as Santa. Aage Villadsen and Phil Sawford led the singing.

Behind the scenes were Ted Earwaker, Bruce Fiander and their crew. They cleared the hall and readied it for school classes the next day and handled the transportation of guests to and from the party. Way way behind the scenes was the staunch squad of dish washers.

# WET DECEMBER ENDS DRY YEAR

Mayne Island Weather for December, 1973, was wetter than average, according to figures furnished by Dominion Weather Observer, W. W. Hunt-Sowrey. Total rainfall for the month, was 6.68 ins., as against 1972's 8.91 ins. Snowfall amounted to 0.8 ins. In 1972 there was 6.3 ins. of snow. Total precipitation amounted to 6.76 ins., against 9.54 ins. last year. There was recorded precipitation on 20 days, two less than in 1972. Total rainfall for the year was 25.87 ins. In 1972, 35.17 ins. of rain fell. Total snowfall for the year amounted to 7.8 ins. Nearly double that figure fell in 1972 or 14.0 ins. Total precipitation for the

year, 1973 was 26.65 ins. compared with 36.47 ins in 1972.

December was another quite wet month, reports the observer, giving enough precipitation to bring a dry year up to our normal rainfall.

Day temperatures in the first half of the month were in the low 40's, gradually falling towards the end of the month, when we came under the influence of outfall winds and Arctic air. The light snow on the 27th heralded this change. On five nights the temperature fell below freezing point, the lowest reading being 27 deg. F. The barometer remained fairly low through the month, rising at the end. The highest rainfall during the month was 1.12 in., and one other fall reached one inch.

During the month there were several quite heavy storms, all southeast, which caused interruption in the ferry service.

Generally speaking, December was much as other Decembers... lots of rain, storms, temperatures not too low, and rather less snow than the past two years.

The winter solstice occurred at 16.08 hours on the 21st, when the sun reached its farthest point south, and began to increase our daylight.

# DEATH CALLS FRED REID AT WHITE ROCK

Fred H. A. Reid, formerly of Ganges and the brother of James G. Reid of Vesuvius died on January 8. He was in his 84th year.

Mr. Reid was born in Peterborough, Ont., of a pioneer family. He was with the Postal Department in Edmonton until his retirement 18 years ago. He has been residing in White Rock for the past year and a half.

Officiating at his funeral, on Friday of last week was Fred Sibley of Ganges, who assisted Rev. H. Filsinger, of White Rock United Church.

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# A PLEA FOR MERCY

BY LILLIAN HORSDAL

Robert Quail's Cousin

We were once a family of 14, but now, only I am left.

## BUS IS NEW CLASS ROOM FOR HEALTH PERSONNEL HERE

Ganges, on Salt Spring Island and Campbell River, Comox, Ladysmith and Chemainus on Vancouver Island will be visited by a unique classroom on wheels during the coming weeks. It will offer information to personnel employed by the health services.

The P. A. Woodward Mobile Instructional Resources Centre will visit Ganges from February 11 to 16, after touring the Vancouver Island centres.

The bus is the latest effort of the Division of Continuing Education in the Health Sciences at the University of B. C.

The bus, originally operated by B. C. Hydro, is under the direction of a field supervisor, Bob Gobert, a graduate student in adult education at UBC. He drives the bus, lives in it, is responsible for operating the equipment, and is evaluating the effectiveness of the project as a whole.

Because of this I should like to speak on behalf of my own family, now dead, my uncles, aunts, cousins, neighbours and all the grouse, pheasants and others who still remain alive.

We are being killed most cruelly by members of the feline family. You see, people have too many cats. Some, in fact, have so many they cannot possibly feed and care for them properly, so the cats are left to fend for themselves.

This makes it not only difficult but almost impossible for any of us to dare to relax.

I am a quail, in case you haven't already realized this, and humans used to enjoy seeing us about. They'd stop

their cars while we carefully crossed the roads and, often, they would watch us pecking for our food nearby.

When we heard or sensed danger in the vicinity we'd have time to fly to the safety of our lovely firs and cedars. Don't you miss us? Our population has been so drastically reduced that there are only two or three of us still about this beautiful island, especially down here at the south end.

You'd never believe how those hungry cats can sneak stealthily and silently upon us and, before you can blink an eye, another member of our fast-disappearing family has been torn limb from limb and

gone down that long, curving red lane.

So I am appealing to you humans, as a last resort, to help us by placing bells on all your feline pets. The others --- those hungry, neglected ones that must find their own food --- ought to be shot before we are all completely el-

minated. Yes, it really is that serious. Will you help us please?

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## SILVER MAYNES START 1974

The Silver Maynes Senior Citizens organization had its first meeting of the New Year at Springwater Lodge at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 with the largest attendance since the group was organized.

The new executive elected at the last meeting are as follows: President, Hugh Campkin; vice-president, Jerry Medcalf; recording secretary, Doreen Ferguson; corresponding secretary, Harry Adams; treasurer, John Menzies.

The films shown at the hall Saturday evening included Vic and Edith Griffiths' slides tak-

en on their Alaskan tour last spring. A recent addition of an extra large screen makes viewing the monthly "Picture Show" that much more interesting. And no commercials! Next film night will be Saturday, Feb. 2 at 8 p.m.

There have been more than 35 requests for space in the Community Garden sponsored by Silver Maynes and allotment of plots will be made at the March 4 meeting. Anyone interested may contact Hugh Campkin or Harry Adams.

In spite of the cold weather the hall has been very comfortable due to the efficiency of the new furnace installed before Christmas.

A belated "Thank You" to Jack Bellamy who was in charge of the films shown at the December Saturday night show.

**BOARDING COSTS TO BE LEFT ALONE DESPITE REQUEST**

There will be no increase in boarding allowance for Outer Islands students.

Last week the B. C. Association of non-status Indians asked for an increase.

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# Two Play Offs To Break Tie

By Flip Bedford

Again and again, a bowling tournament is lost or a championship is won by one pin, as on Friday night, Jan. 4, when the Pin-Ups and the 404's

of the Friday League each won an equal number of points in the first half of their bowling season.

To determine a winner for

the half it was necessary to play a tie-breaking game.

After their regular session, which was the first night of the second half, the ten bowlers ended up again in a tie, making it necessary to roll another game. The 404's won. It was anyone's game right up until the last of the tenth frame.

Members of the 404's, the winners, are Jeannette Lee, Ray Simard, Marlien Slingsby, Pat Slingsby and Alicia Baxter. The Pin-Ups team consists of Adrian Noble, Libby Noble, Ruth Grant, Brenda Akerman, and Jack Noble.

Bowlers of the week ending January 4, were Sylvia Chew with 183, 238 and 246, for 667 and Howard Byron with 192, 257 and 193 totalling 642. Honorable mention is given to Jean Jefferies, a previous bowler of the week, who rolled 255, 209, 242 for 706.

The bowlers of the week of December 20 were the Christmas Roll Off winners of \$25. Hazel Walsh representing the women rolled an 820, 3-game total, handicap included. Ron McNally, for the men, rolled an 801, 3-game total, handicap included.

The Golden Age Bowlers were the hardest to convince and organize their bowling capabilities and now they are the most enthusiastic group we have. While other leagues miss a week or more during the Christmas season, the Golden Agers not only bowl the Friday before Christmas but also the Friday before New Year's. With the suggestion of some members leaving the island over Christmas many replied in eagerness that they should be back for their bowling day.

The Golden Agers held a party on December 21, with confections brought by some helpers and members of the group. Several won prizes on hidden score draws. A picture painted by Ed Miller was won by Oscar Carlson as a door prize. Ed, as well as being a

# THEY MOVE AWAY FROM PEOPLE

Provincial government ministers are moving away from the public. Several weeks ago Chairman C. M. Baltzer of the Gulf Islands School District told his board that the department of education was engaging more and more senior staff.

"Before long we'll have about nine echelons to go through before we get to the minister," he forecast.

Last week he was boasting. "It's started," he told the

board, "We wrote to the minister and we get a reply from the lowest level of superintendent."

He had no doubt, said the junior-senior staffer, that the board's concern over rising taxes will be considered by "the Honorable the Minister when your 1974 budget is finalized."

There was more.

"No doubt you are aware of the Hon. David Barrett's stated intention to eliminate all school tax from owner-occupied residences and farms in the meantime the Home Owner Grant, \$200, or \$250 (over 65) is applicable to the school tax and will eliminate or sharply reduce taxes increase except on more expensive properties."

Trustees will seek an interview with the minister to explain the position of islanders.

Honeywell instrument company in the United States is on strike.

Salt Spring Island elementary school is without thermostats.

The American company holds the patents on equipment to be installed.

good bowler has quite an aptitude with the brush.

On January 17, the Salt Spring Island Golden Agers will go to Chemainus to challenge the Vancouver Island team for the zone championships. The winners of this event continue to play the provincial and, hopefully, the national championship.

The bowlers representing Salt Spring in this are Pearl Petersen, Bessie Linklater, Lucy Moore, Ernest Cranswick, Al Woodley, and Ed Miller.

The bowlers of the week to January 12 are Peter Cartwright with 247, 221, 252, for 720; and Kay Booth with 215, 277, 193 for 685.

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**REG BRANNAN DIES SUDDENLY**

Galiano Islanders were shocked and sorry to know of the sudden death of Reginald S. C. Brannan, on Monday afternoon, Dec. 31, at his home in the Valley.

Mr. Brannan came to Galiano in the summer of 1968, and made many friends on the island he and his wife loved so well. They were often seen riding along the woodland

trails on their horses enjoying the wilderness after their busy lives in the city. Mrs. Brannan retired from her job last year, and early in 1973, they went on an extensive tour of Europe for several weeks.

He was born in Sussex, England, in 1920, and came to Winnipeg, Man., with his parents when very young. Going back to England before World War Two, he served in the British Army, in Italy, North Africa and Sicily, and was demobilised in 1946.

Mr. Brannan came back to Vancouver where he worked in insurance and real estate up to the time of his death.

He was interested in Island affairs, and worked hard with the island Citizens' Commit-

**LOCALITY IS STILL GENERAL WHEN TRUSTEES SAY SO**

School buses may only transport students within the general locality, trustees were warned several weeks ago by the department of education.

What was the general locality, asked Chairman Charles Baltzer.

Last week the board learned that Nanaimo and Victoria are in the general vicinity. It was a term without definition, explained the department in a reply.

It's up to trustees to decide.

tee to help develop the community plan.

He leaves besides his wife Betty, at home on Galiano; two daughters, Sidney and Katherine; a sister, Mrs. Joy Brocas and his mother, Mrs. V. Brannan, both of Vancouver.

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**? Inquest ?**

BY PASTOR DAVID G. LOW

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! At least I hope 1974 will be a good year. However it doesn't look like we've started it off very well. The whole world seems to be heading for one big crisis or depression. Corruption in governments and political pressure through the withholding of natural resources are becoming commonplace.

But this is only a part of the world's problems. We here on Salt Spring Island are not left untouched by the corruption that the world is sliding into. Disregard for our law enforcement officers and vandals are the kind of thing we have to live with. Liquor and drugs have always been a problem, and the future can only promise more of the same.

Why can't the world better itself? Because 'the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked'. (Jeremiah 17:9) Your new year's resolution might have been along the lines of bettering yourself or the world around you. But in effect you are in a losing battle. There must be a power that is so strong that it is able to change an individual's attitudes. We may discipline society's offenders but unless that offender has a change of heart, the offence will be repeated.

We find here on the island that generally there is a searching among young people. They see what the adults are doing to themselves and to the world, and they realize that there must be a better way. Thus we have a revival of sorts in the offbeat religions and eastern religions. (eg. Islam, Baha'i) The mystics are also being delved into. (eg. Occult, Witchcraft, Satan worshipping).

Why is there such a resurgence in these things? God created man, not only a body, but also a soul and spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:23). The purpose of man's spirit is to enable him to commune with God. People who are not in touch with God have a void in their life. Thus they try to fill that void by any means. Jesus likens man's search for fulfillment, peace and joy, to someone searching for water. Man may find a water hole where his thirst can be temporarily satisfied, but in time he becomes thirsty again. But the water Jesus gives is living water, a well of water which never ceases to flow. (John 4:13, 14) He also said if anyone be thirsty or have a void in their life, let him come and drink. (John 7:38) Jesus satisfies. Try Him, You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.



## GARDEN CALENDAR

By A.G. Smith, F.R.H.S.



FROM S.S.I., GARDEN CLUB

When the hard frosts have gone, one of the first jobs will be to inspect the stored dahlia tubers and gladioli corms for signs of frost damage. Thinking of gladioli, I wonder how many of my readers know that this is a species, (if one includes all the types) that may be enjoyed from March to late fall, and if one has a cool greenhouse, all through winter too.

Any soil that is not lacking the essential minerals and plant foods will grow good gladioli, and it requires very little expertise to dig a hole 4" deep, sprinkle in a little bonemeal and lightly cover the corms with soil. The rest can be left to nature, until the plants need water, and in the case of the taller varieties staking and tying. Flowers

may be had of the standard varieties from early summer to late fall by planting a few each week, starting after the last frosts in spring, and continuing until midsummer. For spring flowers plant the species and species hybrids in the fall; all of these are cold hardy, but need a little protection from ice and severe frost. Some will flower in winter where winters are mild, provided a little extra care is taken in choosing a sheltered location. Gladiolus segetum, G. byzantium grow to a height of 2 feet with a dozen or more purple flowers on each of its stiff stems! G. byzantium album is a white form, which is not so hardy and is prone to disease in the moister localities, but the purple vars. are dependable, vigorous, and multiply well and need to be lifted and replanted only once in four years.

The pale yellow G. tristis is one of the most fragrant flowers in the garden, the scent being strongest in the evening. Each corm sends up 3 or 4 wiry stems carrying five flowers per stem. These stems which grow up to 4 ft. will bend to the ground in strong wind without breaking.

Almost as early as the species are the baby gladioli. These are species hybrids many years old and are listed as G. nanus or G. colvilloi hybrids. They grow to 12 to 18 ins. high with 8 to 12 flowers on slender

BY MARY BACKLUND

There were several severe wind storms during December and early January, and on one occasion, several Galiano people had to stay in Victoria overnight.

They are very pleased with the treatment they received from B. C. Ferries. Peter Denroche and his wife were so glad to tell me the officers

stems. G. the bride is white, G. blushing Bride is pink, and Amanda May is salmon and purple centred.

There are other gladioli species, but they bloom at the same time as the conventional hybrids and are planted in spring and early summer. The two best are G. cooperii which is pale olive green and G. dracocephalus which has reddish-green streaky flowers with a dark blotch. Miniature gladioli come in all colors and are better bought mixed. Their petals may be plain, ruffled, blotched or picotee edged. Butterfly gladioli are medium-sized but come in every shade of color, and are the best types for cut flowers. Most of these vars. plus some of the rarer doubles are procurable from reputable gladioli growers whose lists are usually available in February.

Good gardening and a happy new year to you all.

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## NIGHT FALLS ON PENDER PLAYERS

BY CULTUS COULEE

Night Fell on Waterlea, when Pender Players read the Emyln Williams chiller, for their November gathering.

Douglas Harker did the Lord Chief Justice, when once again the valued Alex Gray was prevented from reading.

Capt. C. Claxton was properly sly as Dan; Daphne Stevens, the complex Olivia, and Jon Spalding her placid suitor, Laurie. Marilyn Spalding got the laughs provided by the cheeky Mrs. Terrence. Maude Adams was Nurse Libby. Connie Swartz, the unlovable Mrs. Bramson, got it in the neck.

Director Win Spalding was inspired to send a copy of the play to George and Edith Pearson in Victoria, and it was a joy to have these veteran Pender Players as Inspector Belsize and Dora Parkoe. Another bonus was having the directions read loud and clear so all could hear.

Night Must Fall was produced by Miles Malleon, 1935, at London's Duchess Theatre, with May Whitty and Angela Baddeley. Basil Radford was Laurie. Several guests had known the Radfords in Vancouver, with the Repertory Players.

In the audience were the Jack Bridges, Helen Claxton, Hilda Glyde, the Nep Grimmers, hostess Betty Harker, Joan Purchase, Blanche Smyth, and Marie Macaulay Corrington. Jessie Cornaby was missed, having left for a sunny Australian winter in Sydney.

Guests were Cyril Ripley and Douglas Harker's brother, John from Kelowna.

## STORM AND ISLAND VICTIMS

and crew were so helpful to them, their accommodations were excellent. The power went out a couple of times, too, and we are all thankful to the Hydro crews for getting it fixed in jig time.

There is no one on earth who loves trees more than I do, but I feel that when trees are

endangering the power lines, they must come down, or they will be blown down in the middle of the night, as has happened recently.

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## Singing Their Way Through

New Year has brought a new group in the Salt Spring Island community. The Salt Spring Singers are planning to sing their way through 1974.

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Director is a newcomer to the island, Ruth Barker. The singers meet in the Gulf Islands Secondary School every Monday evening at 7.30 until 9.30 pm.

Information is available from 537-2207 or 537-5661.

## YEAR GETS WETTER TOWARDS END

The total precipitation for the year 1973 was slightly below the average of about 37 inches.

December's wet contribution

## FIRE RAZES HOME AT WALKER HOOK

House was totally destroyed on Thursday when fire broke out in the early hours of the morning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Walker Hook Road. Mrs. Anderson reported later that she was awake at 4 am and was met by a tongue of fire when she opened a door in the house. Firemen were on the scene within minutes. Their efforts, however, failed to save the home. Damage was covered by insurance. Driftwood was informed.

brought the level up. Temperatures in December at Ganges were mainly high. Following are the statistics for the month reported by Dominion Weather Observer H. J. Carlin.

High, 51 deg. on the 7th; low, 30 deg. on the 31st. Maximum mean, 44.6 deg., and minimum mean, 36.6 deg.

Precipitation for the month of December was 8.44 inches, including three inches of snow.

The total precipitation for previous years was, 1969, 33.36 inches (below average); 1970, 33.91 inches (below average); 1971, 39.95 inches; 1972, 45.95 inches (above average); 1973 36 inches.

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## (From Page One) ASSESSMENTS BOOSTED

ness on the island commented Frank Pantony, Churchill Road. "It only affects me because prices are going to go up," he commented.

Jake Javorski reported that he had been informed by the court of revision on an earlier occasion that he had no cause for protest that his assessment had risen because everyone else's had gone up.

Mr. Toynbee reminded him that every property owner may appeal his assessment and that he was not required to offer any explanation of his grounds until the court is in session.

"You have the right to appeal on any grounds," said the chairman, "and it is a right you should use."

He was echoed by Marc Holmes.

"You may appeal on any grounds," he agreed.

Mr. Holmes reported that his land assessment had increased to 15 times what it was when he bought it 15 years ago.

The province has called for two principles in connection with the islands, said the former regional director, "Restrict and develop!"

"We are no longer undertaxed," he told the meeting, "Even if we ever were and we don't get the services the cities get."

The government cannot claim to protect land from over-development, he contended, "but still exhort owners to develop land."

Jean Barnes called attention to the plight of young couples who buy land and hold it until they can afford to start building. They are now penalized for doing so, she contended.

Assessment on vacant land is up to more than double last year's level, explained the chairman.

Vacant land or commercial land is now assessed at 50% of its current market value. Residential land is still assessed at 23% of that value.

The government calculates land in Ganges at the price of over \$300,000 an acre, Tom Toynbee told the meeting. Assessed values are up to \$400,000 an acre here, he commented.

In the past year his land has doubled in value although he has done nothing to the store, commented Don Perkins. At home, where he has improved the property his assessment is unchanged.

Marc Holmes contended that

the fact that land is now in the farmland reserve is a very substantial reason for challenging an assessment increase. The land can never be sold in small pieces in future.

Jake Buitenwerf uses his land for the growing of crops for sale. The assessment is up 200% this year. The land he farms is classed as improved, he reported. The poorer, adjacent land is classed as farm.

Bruce Campbell reported that the assessment of his Fulford land doubles in value each year. The term used on the assessment notice is "current value", he told the meeting.

"Whatever that is," The appeal route is not getting to the root of the problem, agreed Tom Toynbee, but this is a way the government gets a gauge of what public opinion is.

Grier suggested that the Chamber should ask for a three-man court instead of only one. He also urged every owner to appeal his assessment and to refuse to be shaken from his intentions if a government official should ask him to do so. The Premier has advised owners to file an appeal if they are unhappy with their assessments, said the chairman.

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JANUARY 1974		
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	0735	10.0
FR	1135	10.6
	1955	2.8
19	0445	10.9
	0855	10.1
SA	1225	10.4
	2040	2.6
20	0515	11.2
	0955	10.1
SU	1315	10.4
	2115	2.4
21	0550	11.4
	1040	9.9
MO	1355	10.3
	2150	2.3
22	0620	11.4
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23	0640	11.4
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SECOND SECTION

Thursday, January 17, 1974

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## GANGES COUPLE MARK 40 YEARS TOGETHER



- Photo by Richards

It is 40 years since Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goodman were married on Salt Spring Island. To mark the anniversary their three children arranged an open house on Saturday afternoon at the Golf and Country Club. They met members of their family and friends from the Islands and further afield.

The evening was spent at dinner for the family and a number of close friends with singing and dancing afterwards.

They were married on Salt Spring Island and their three children were all born here. They have nine grandchildren. In charge of the arrange-

ments for the day were their daughter, Barbara Imler and their two sons, Lawrence and Donald. Helping "Goody" and Isabel to celebrate were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Nicholls of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Howard, Squamish; Mr. and Mrs. Norman West, Sidney; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nichols of Nanaimo, Trudy Goodman, Dan Jones, Lois Miller, Georgina Dick and Chris Jones, of Victoria.

The event had an additional significance for Isabel Goodman. It was the day before she was due to abandon her crutches after recovering from a broken ankle.

## HIGH TIDES BRING FLOODS

Exceptionally high tides this week have brought the water table up in the island coastal areas. They also brought flooding to some low-lying areas.

Among the victims of the tides was Mout's Mall in Ganges. The lower floor shopping area was closed on Tuesday morning when the tide flooded back into the store area.

## Care Tree Total \$3,670

Annual island drive for funds for CARE is now over and George and Edith Pearson have gone back home to Victoria, after the heaviest season they have known with their CARE tree.

The heavy program of collecting funds for CARE was followed by Mr. Pearson's 87th birthday on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Total contributed through the Pearson program this season was \$3,670 or approximately \$760 up on the 1972-3 figure.

The Pearson farm at Pender boasts a tree overlooking Navy Channel. The tree is wired for lights and each donation offered for CARE lights a bulb on the tree. Tree was rewired last fall and then suffered in the December gales, when the original tree was blown down.

It is a labour of love for the Pender Island couple. Every dollar contributed goes to CARE. Nothing is held back for expenses. And expenses are high for an elderly couple on a limited income.

They have sent out 415 receipts since November 15 and they have written that many letters reports George Pearson.

The Pearson CARE Tree has many supporters on Salt Spring

Island, writes the sponsor, including the Students' Council at the Gulf Islands Secondary School, who sent \$160.

George and Edith Pearson have expressed their gratitude and appreciation in the following message to readers:

May I, through the medium of the Driftwood, let all the Gulf Islands, and especially Salt Spring, know that our 14th annual effort for CARE has again gone over the top with 415 donations and a total of \$3,670. This is enough, under CARE's distribution, to feed about 250,000 hungry people.

Every cent you sent to us has bought food.

So on the scales of life we have placed a small counterweight to offset some of the selfishness we see in the world today.

Our tree looked grand as we told the world we DO CARE. THANK YOU, everyone, for helping us do the job, and for your CARE.

There is a destiny  
That makes men Brothers,  
None can go alone,  
All that we send into the lives  
of others  
Comes back into our own.

## MEALS ON WHEELS ARE HERE

BY LILLIAN HORSDAL

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, Meals On Wheels was begun on Salt Spring Island. It is a community service which delivers hot meals three days a week. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at midday, a hot, nutritious meal is delivered to the home for a cost of \$1.25 per meal.

The need for a properly balanced diet has been well recognized. There are quite a few on Salt Spring Island who are unable to prepare adequate meals. Without such meals it has been satisfactorily proven that mental and physical health deteriorates.

One of the aims of this service is to help people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. Who wants to have to leave his or her own home and, quite possibly, the

island?

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## LETTER TO LORIMER

Following is the letter to the Municipal Affairs Minister from the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

On December 31st, 1973, this Chamber of Commerce sent you a letter which in general terms protested the fantastic increase in assessments that have occurred this year under the provisions of Bill 71.

On January 9th, 1974, in response to public request the Chamber and the Salt Spring Ratepayers Association jointly sponsored a meeting which, despite very limited advance publicity, was attended by 98 highly concerned property owners and tenants. It was the decision of this meeting that a further letter be sent to you with copies to all MLAs in the province.

It appears to us, Mr. Minister, that in an attempt to remove past inequities in property taxation, your Government has been guided by a set of assumptions that at best must be considered as highly questionable - namely:

- All businesses make huge profits and have an infinite ability to "absorb" tax increases.
- All people who own vacant land or who own more than a small parcel associated with their residences are greedy speculators.
- All rural areas enjoy ridic-

ulously low taxes and a free ride on the services of neighboring municipalities.

It is our view that unless Bill 71 is repealed and a new act brought forward more on equity and less on political expedience, the property tax inequities of the past years will be made to seem trivial.

We invite you, Mr. Lorimer to use Salt Spring Island as a property tax research area.

Investigate our seasonal tourist industry and small commercial community to establish whether or not these businesses are experiencing such a bonanza that trebling of land taxes is justified.

Come and meet some of the owners of acreages, who have for years held their property open as unofficial Green Belt reserves, to see if their activity is as immoral as

## Campbell To Serve Second Year

Chairman Jim Campbell has called for greater co-operation with constituent municipal councils this year.

Chairman of the Capital Regional Board, Jim Campbell of Saturna Island was re-elected by acclamation last week for another year.

Chairman of the Capital Regional Hospital Board, Mayor Art Young, of Esquimalt, was also re-elected by acclamation. Victoria Alderman Alf Hood was elected Acting Chairman of the Regional Board.

Campbell, who has represented the Outer Gulf Islands on the Regional Board since 1971, said after re-election to his second term as Chairman that the highest priority in

1974 must be the development of "truly regional land use policies", in the interest of all the people who live in the Capital Region.

"This is important because up to now, while there has been a great deal of co-operation by the municipal members of the Regional Board, it has not been apparent that municipal councils as such have seen regional land use decisions as being important to them," Campbell said.

"I am hoping this year that there will be some dialogue between the municipal councils themselves and the Regional Board on this particular issue," he said. "A number of other functions of the Regional Board really cannot be useful-

ly carried out unless and until the basic land use decisions for the region have been made, he added.

"In terms of new responsibilities, the largest administrative challenge will be the transfer of 120 public health employees to the Regional District from the Provincial Government, the City of Victoria and Oak Bay Municipality.

"We hope to be able to accomplish this to the mutual advantage of all concerned, and in a manner so that the net cost of health services in the region will certainly not be increased and will be distributed more equitably among those who must pay," Campbell said.

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**IT WAS A GOOD PARTY!**

BY LEGIONNAIRE

It was a good party! Someone was heard to paraphrase "never have so few worked so hard for so many". However, the results were gratifying. The New Year was ushered in most appropriately.

The hall was full to capacity. Unfortunately it can only accommodate forty couples. For this reason many people were unable to purchase tickets.

The food was delicious, thanks to caterer Dee Kinney and her young helpers Susan Hoyle, Lynda and Laura Pailot. The Saturday Nite musicians provided their usual excellent music.

A raffle was held due to the efforts of Johnny and Mary Stepaniuk, four prizes of Good Cheer. Winner of third prize was "Chelsea" Bingham. Incidentally, Chelsea is a canine with Scotch (terrier) in him. Every dog has his day, "is said.

Special kudos to little Kathy Byron who, with her parents and brother, Steven, spent many hours decorating the hall. Kathy's frosted beer-bottle candle holders were very effective and caused much favourable comment.

Unfortunately space will not permit the naming of all who helped make this party such an outstanding success, but it was a good party!

**WILSON IS HERE**  
SEE PAGE 18

**LETTER TO MINISTER**

(From Page Thirteen)

some of the pronouncements of members of the Government seem to imply. Meet others who have purchased property on which they hope to build modest retirement homes only to be faced with the alternative of carrying a punitive tax load or selling out.

A property owner faced with the prospect of paying \$400 to \$600 taxes on a vacant lot with no sewer, water, street lighting and served by primitive roads is hard pressed to see that he is getting a bargain - particularly when he has been recently reminded by a legislative committee of which you, Mr. Minister, were a member, that the Gulf Islands are for all residents of the Province and that the Government services provided must be considered in this light.

Consider also the fact that rural property owners have no control on the mill rate. Despite the enormous increase in assessments, it has been estimated that an increase in the educational tax will bring our total mill rate up by 13 mills. Can you explain why this community, with no industrial base and populated in large part by retired people of modest means should be compelled to pay up to 13 additional mills, not for local educational costs, but to help out "other less fortunate areas in the Province"?

For about 5 years the Gulf Islands have been subjected to a land freeze which has prohibited the sub-division of any property into parcels of less than 10 acres. During these years two provincial governments, our Regional Board, several universities and island residents have tried to find a way by which the natural beauty and rural atmosphere can be maintained in face of growth pressures.

A community plan for Salt Spring calling for low population density and sensitively planned development has been pioneered by Islanders, and is awaiting the approval of this Provincial Government. Incredibly, this Provincial Government which has made preservation of the Islands an article of faith, is now imposing a system of taxation designed to "persuade" people to either sub-divide and build now or sell to someone else who will.

Taxpayers are angry, frustrated and completely mystified by what is being done in the name of property tax reform. In answer to protests, the Premier seems to have suggested some sort of Band-Aid approach that may deal with some flagrant problems but retain the basic injustices of the Act. Property taxation requires a complete re-thinking now rather than further hastily conceived adjustments that may well aggravate the situation further.

We ask, Mr. Minister, that you set a date on which you can meet a representative group of Salt Spring Island taxpayers and hear first hand the extent of the problems faced.

**TEACHER DISPUTE**

(From Page One)

least one trustee suggested that they engage both for the remainder of the year.

"Another teacher might be as effective," agreed John Menzies, "But it is a gamble we don't really want to take."

The delegation was told that both teachers are fully qualified. Mr. Menzies asked whether the new appointment had been confirmed by the board and Chairman Charles Baltzer agreed that the appointment of a successor had been made by the committee but had yet to be ratified.

"Some children have been kept out of school as a gesture to show the strength of our convictions," stated Mr. Leighton.

He expressed the hope that the board would sit in fair judgment and reach the same opinion as had the parents.

In three years on the board it was the first time he had ever seen anything like this, commented Trustee Bob Marshall.

"It's gratifying!"

Later the same day the delegation was informed that the board had decided not to re-appoint Miss Persson.

Members of the committee of parents have discussed their problem with the provincial department of education and with the Human Rights Branch. They are still hoping to reach an amicable settlement with trustees.

In the meantime both spokesmen for the disaffected parents group have invited islanders from any part of the school district to get in touch if they share the dissatisfaction of the Salt Spring Island parents.

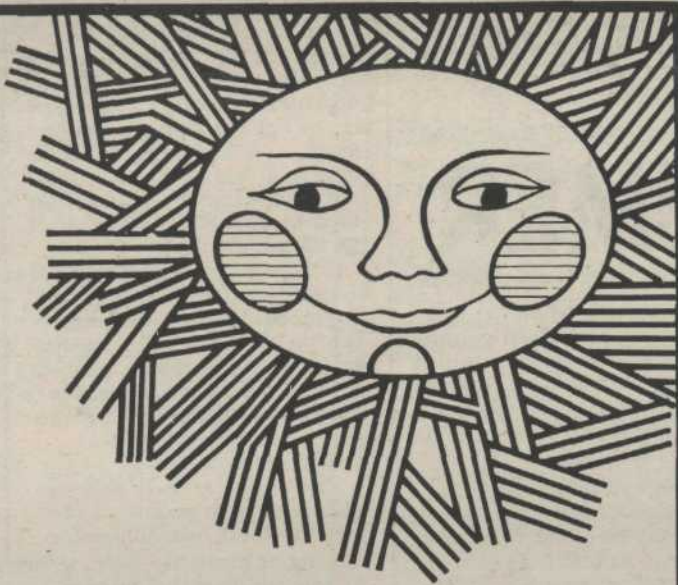
Parents may reach the committee at Parents' Committee, Box 593, Ganges, or they may call Mr. Leighton at 537-5501.

The request for retention of a teacher was paralleled at the same meeting by the request of another group of parents for the appointment of a named teacher to the new alternative program.

Trevor Wheelton spoke for the alternative program sponsors and told trustees that they had interviewed one applicant for the job whom they felt to be outstanding.

Trustees also rejected Mr. Wheelton's recommendation.

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THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF Driftwood I would like to say a humble thank you to the scores and scores of friends who during my recent critical illness sent letters and messages of sympathy and encouragement while I was in hospital and after I reached home, sweet home. I can only add that I am deeply grateful to be home and to have regained a good measure of health and strength. - W. M. Mouat, 1-1

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OBITUARY

MRS. MABEL GROSART, widow of the late James Grosart, died Dec. 21 after a lengthy illness. Survived by one son, Al Tracey of Terrace, two daughters, Pearl Haley of Toronto and Dorothy Crowder of Vancouver, and beloved sister Dolly Crawford of Campbell River and Fulford Harbour; 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Mabel and James Grosart were long time residents of Fulford Harbour where James was Postmaster. 1-1

WANT ADS REALLY WORK

**MAYNE**

BY ELSIE BROWN

The best news received so far in the New Year was the outcome of the children's efforts for UNICEF before Christmas. About ten school and pre-school children made the rounds on the island singing Christmas Carols and contributions received totalled \$83.38. Congratulations to the following for their splendid efforts: Heather and Gail Martin, Sar-

ah Tauber, Darcie Wilks, Kristine Halvorson, Freyja Berghorson, Sandi and Sheryl Piggott and Jenny Wood.

Most of us are back on the island after part or all of the Christmas Holidays, spent off island and recuperating from the annual flurry of visiting and last-minute shopping. A lot of people are not affected by the "energy crisis" judging from the number of cars on the roads. We are glad our main-

**Lucky Christmas**

The Lacy family was lucky when all five members left the Beaver Point Hall Christmas Bingo laden with prizes. Janet won three.

Bruce Wright took home two prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Horsdal ate well over the Christmas season after winning a fresh 10 pound salmon and a chicken.

land visits are few and far between. Some of the car drivers need a few lessons in courtesy. Had rides on three B. C. Ferries with various advantages and disadvantages regarding the dispensing of food. On a diet now, anyway, so need for changes. A little more variety on the Mayne Queen would be appreciated.

Get Well Wishes to Mrs. E. C. (Grace) Hambly who is a patient in Lady Minto Hospital. Daughter Grace and granddaughter Heather have been frequent visitors and not as convenient now that the ferry docks at Fulford.

Welcome to new assistant light-keeper and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rieder at Active Pass Light Station from Sheringham Point Lighthouse, Jordan River. The Jordan River light is the feature photo on the new phone book for Victoria area and the Gulf Islands.

Visiting Jim and Betty Ross, Miners Bay, over the Christmas season, were Jim's mother, Mrs. J. Ross of North Vancouver, daughter Barbara, now on the staff of Empress Hotel in Victoria and daughter and son-in-law, Lesley and Doug

**M\*A\*S\*H PRANKSTERS**



One of the most popular situation comedies on television, M\*A\*S\*H is a mixed bag of hilarity and medical miracle-working behind the lines (in wartime Korea). It's seen Fridays on CBC-TV, 8:30 p.m. Above are (left to right): Loretta Swit ('Hot Lips' Hoolihan), Wayne Rogers (Trapper John), Alan Alda (Hawkeye), and McLean Stevenson (Col. Burns).

DeRousie of Vancouver. George and Ivy Slinn's Christmas guests were their family, the Don Fergusons from Kamloops and the Don Slinns from North Vancouver.

Gordon and Evelyn Ducklow, Campbell Bay, entertained their son and daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Ron and Shirley Ducklow and Mandy and Evelyn's sister, Mrs. Carol Mittun, of Seattle.

Others entertaining their families on the island over the Christmas season were the Al Braus, the Stu Frys and the Jack Evans.

Meg Drummond spent the Christmas and New Year holiday with her son and daughter-in-law, Warrant Officer M. H. "Rip" Drummond, his wife, Sara and sons Robert and David at Courtenay. The RCAF at Comox were a going concern over the Yuletide season

and Meg was entertained in style. Mayne Island will seem dull in comparison but she will get back to normal eventually.

Get Well Wishes to Dale and Wendel Piggott who are patients in Pearson Hospital, 700 West 57th Avenue, Vancouver. It was Dale's first Christmas away from home and he has been greatly missed by all his friends on the island. Wendel was able to be home for the Yuletide Season.

Mayne Island Lions Club has announced that the services of the Lions Ambulance on the Island will in future be free of charge to all users as far as the water taxi at Miners Bay or the ferry wharf at Village Bay. If the ambulance is needed to transport anyone to the mainland or Vancouver Island a charge will be made to cover the costs incurred.

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**GALIANO** BY MARY BACKLUND

As we begin a brand new year's work, may I say a most sincere wish for happiness, health, and peace in the months ahead. To catch up on some holiday news. Seems that this newest flu bug is not the least bit fussy who it attacks; it attached your writer on Christmas Eve, and laid me low for the past month, now I find that most of the islanders have also been ill, some still very sick.

The Christmas party sponsored by the Galiano Club was quite a good success, with more than sixty children attending. The school children entertained us with several carols, all sitting around Professor Lloyd Slind in a circle, and all enjoying it as much as we did. Santa Claus was unable to land in his helicopter near the hall, so he was met by Tom Carolan, and brought the rest of the way by him in a car. He was kept busy for almost an hour giving out presents to children from all over the island. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bickerton helped give out the pop and cookies, and coffee to everyone there and the writer helped Santa.

The school children again went to St. Margaret's Church on Sunday, Dec. 23 for the special carol service. Readers were Dean Albrecht, Jeremy Hope, Bob Harper, Mona Frotzhein, and Connie and Lois Crocker. Service conducted by Rev. O. L. Foster, and the organ played by Mrs. O. L. Foster. Professor Slind accompanied and directed the children.

New Year's Eve was celebrated with many house parties, a dance at North Galiano Hall, and a party sponsored by the Rod and Gun Club at the clubhouse. Recorded music was played by Roy Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Silvey, of Egmont, are spending a few days with sister, Mrs. Frank Andrulonis.

Miss Olivia Harvey has returned from Nova Scotia, after some weeks spent there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Oliver, with Deleah, Wayne and Dean spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Powell River.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neale, of Vancouver, spent the holidays at their home on Montague Harbour, visiting their uncles and cousins.

On January 19, Galiano Club will hold a giant bingo game. President Jim Ripley hopes for a record turnout.

Annual meetings coming up at this time of year, first being the meeting of the St.

Margaret of Scotland church committee, to be held at the church, on Monday afternoon January 21, at 2.30 p.m.

**IT'S THE DRIVER**

It isn't the car that begins to whine  
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It's the driver.

It isn't the car that takes a drink,  
Then quickly loses its power to think -  
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that fails to heed  
The dangers of reckless, discourteous speed -  
It's the driver.

It isn't the car that steps on the gas  
And causes an accident, trying to pass -  
It's the driver.

A car may be bent and twisted awry,  
But it isn't the car that will have to die -  
It's the driver.

**NATIVE SON DIES IN VICTORIA**

George Henry Nelson, at the age of 73, passed away in Victoria on January 6. He was born on Salt Spring Island, and had resided here until a few years ago, when he moved to Victoria.

He is survived by his wife, Jean in Victoria, his two sons, Edward and Gordon and nine grandchildren, all of Victoria.

He leaves two brothers, Charles, of Chemainus; Percy of Nanaimo and four sisters, Mrs. Mary Timrick of Seattle; Mrs. Thelma Friess, of Quathlaski Cove, B.C.; Mrs. Ruth McKay, of Bellingham, Wash.

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A feature of the Rod and Gun Club evening was a Chinese auction, and someone else stole some shoes. Tom Carolan conducted the action, when Peter Denroche won his own shoes.

and Miss Ina Nelson, of Victoria.

The funeral service was held at 2 pm on January 9 at the Royal Oak Chapel, Victoria. Cremation followed. Goodman Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

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**How the programme works.**

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### COURT IS BUSY OVER HOLIDAYS

Over the Christmas season Ganges provincial court was a popular place. Presiding was Judge D. G. Asiby.

Peter Gibson faced the court charged with being a minor in licensed premises. The charge was made in White Rock and the case was transferred to Ganges. He was fined \$30.

On December 28 a breaking and entry took place at the Crawford residence on Beddis Road. A local juvenile was charged and appeared in court January 9. He pleaded guilty and the case was remanded until January 30.

A pair of boots was shoplifted from Mout's Trading Company on December 28. A local juvenile was charged and appeared before Judge Ashby January 9. The case was remanded until January 30 for sentencing.

An accident occurred on December 27 at Ganges Hill involving two cars, driven by Lorraine Oake, of Victoria and William Popawich, of Saskatchewan. Neither car was equipped with snow tires and the head-on collision caused a total of \$400 worth of damage. There were no injuries.

On December 21, F. Guilbault drove off the road, hitting a telephone pole on Hundred Hills. Damage was estimated at \$200. No charges were laid.

An accident occurred on December 30 when a '65 Envoy driven by Bernice Foulis of Ganges went off the road into a ditch a half-mile south of Ganges. Damage was over \$200. Miss Foulis was charged with driving with smooth tires under section 7 of the Motor Vehicle Act. There were no

injuries.

On January 7, Robert Alexander of Walker Hook Road, slipped off the road on Mount Maxwell. Damage to his '65 Volvo was \$150.

A motor vehicle accident took place on the Lower Ganges Road, near the Canal Road intersection, when on January 8, Janet Cawker of Lang Road hit a pole. The '62 Volkswagen station wagon was totally wrecked. As a result of slippery roads no charges were laid. Ms. Cawker suffered a broken nose, and the damage to the car was estimated at \$600.

On January 11 Arthur Pylon of Vancouver, rolled his truck on Vesuvius Bay Road at Hughes Corner. Damage amounted to \$700. There were no injuries and the driver was charged with driving without due care and attention.

### GERTIE ADAMS DIES IN HOSPITAL HERE ON MONDAY

Familiar figure on Salt Spring Island for the past 30 years, Mrs. Cicely Gertrude (Gertie) Adams of Fernwood passed away in the Lady Mint Hospital on Monday, Jan. 14.

Her husband, Ted, died in 1970. Mrs. Adams was one of the Good Neighbours who for years collected clothing for the Unitarian Service Committee.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fred (Catherine) Sleigh, of Vancouver and Mrs. V. D. (Winifred) Rider, of Florida, USA; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; one brother, Thomas W. Smith, in Calgary; two sisters, Mrs. Francis (Fanny)

### Letters To The Editor

( From Page Four )

entrusted with this responsibility.

Unfortunately it was all in vain for the school board seems more concerned with money than whether the kids are happy or sad or well adjusted while the board was engaged in trivial debate we parents sat patiently waiting to present to them what to us were issues of real significance, what we saw was that the School Superintendent and the Secy. Treasurer are the pipers who call the tune and the majority of the board dance along with it.

When John Young principal of the Campbell River Secondary School was fired by the school trustees for wanting to improve upon the bureaucratic educational machine, he made a stink of the whole issue and brought it out into the open as to what sort of pressures operate to make schools as dull as they are.

Williams and Mrs. Helen Hetherington, Vancouver.

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 17, in St. Mark's Church with Rev. Peter McCalman officiating. Interment will follow in Ganges Cemetery. Arrangements were by Goodman Funeral Home.

Thus we the taxpayers the parents and the people of Salt Spring Island feel uncomfortable when issues of real significance are acted upon by a pre-conceived closed mind, we are concerned about our children and demand concerned attention from the school trustees whom we have elected to represent us.

For any real change to happen in the school system the notion that all teachers and all schools have to be the same has to be given up. The parents who are prepared to allow their children to get what they consider a very effective education must be given a choice.

Baruna Bhattacharjee, Mobrae, R.R. 1, Ganges, January 11, 1974.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF HENRY McVETY

Henry Cecil McVety died suddenly on December 18, 1973. He was born at Elton, Manitoba, September 2, 1898.

He leaves to mourn his one daughter, Vivian, of Anchorage, Alaska; four brothers, Stan, Wes, Albert, and Roy, also one sister; and many friends at Pioneer Village, Ganges and Fulford.

### SATURNA BY PAPAJOHN

For two years now we have missed the Christmas issue, so this year we will type it out in July and maybe it will get over to Salt Spring in time. At any rate, it should be a bit warmer.

Our candlelight Dinner was almost a cold turkey affair as the power was off most of the day but our fair ladies made it and it was a dandy dinner. The kids Christmas party was also a grand success thanks to Taimi Hindmarch, Jan Crooks, Clarice Warlow and Mike Hayes. Jack Vincent was Santa Claus. On the following Sunday we had the Christmas ship from Bellingham and those boys are getting better, if possible, every year.

Not too many Christmas visitors; Marg and Al Kerr had Al's brother Ro with wife Pat and Jim Danny and Debbie out from the east for a few days.

Frank and Bea Froese had Bea's grandchildren Lisa and Frank over for a week.

Donna Begon had a cold trip to Edmonton to see Bobby and Marg and of course, granddaughter Marcy.

"No more winter trips" says Donna.

We had grandsons, John Todd and Scott over and of course their Mum and Dad.

Uncle Art Ralph and Eddie Reid had a card from a gal called Mindee whose father had built the first wharf store. He was Donald Fayden and he also built the Ralph home.

Uncle Art also had a very real Christmas present. The gang who gather for coffee at John MacDonald's store took up a collection and bought Uncle Art and Eddie a new all wave T. V. antenna and installed it for them.

The New Year's Dance was a whopping success with our own band and they made a profit??

We had our quarterly meeting of the Community Club last week and under the able management of our President it was a quiet orderly affair with much good news from the finance departments of our club and the Fire Hall.

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